



San Mateo County Search and Rescue

Thank you for your interest in San Mateo County Search and Rescue. SMCSAR volunteers serve under the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. We are the lead SAR team within the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau. Other teams include the Sheriff's Communications Unit (SCU), Mounted Search and Rescue (MSAR), Cliff/Dive Team, Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit (BAMRU), Air Squadron and Explorer's Program.

Search and rescue requires a commitment that far exceeds the commitments of other volunteer organizations. You will be asked to work in physically and mentally challenging environments for extended periods of time. You will train hard and spend many nights and weekends with your fellow volunteers. You will often be called away from your day to day obligations at all hours of the day and night. People never get lost when it's convenient!

Participation in our unit also comes with tremendous rewards. Not only will you be part of a life saving team, you will also meet dedicated and talented people along the way – people who share the same love of the outdoors and service to their community.

If you have attended 2 general meetings and you would like to apply to be part of SMCSAR, please complete the attached application packet. Once your application has been completed and reviewed, you will be contacted by the trainee coordinator. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Emergency Services Bureau at 650-363-4012.

Sincerely,

Lisa Harris, SMCSAR
Personnel Section Chief



San Mateo County Search and Rescue General Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CERTIFICATIONS:

Current First Aid: Yes _____ No _____ Exp. Date _____

Current CPR: Yes _____ No _____ Exp. Date _____

Other Certifications: _____ Exp Date _____

*** Please attach copies of certification cards ***



San Mateo County Search and Rescue Questionnaire

NAME: _____

Describe any S.A.R. Experience:

Describe any Medical Experience:

Describe any Outdoor Experience:

Describe Sports Activities and Frequency:

Describe Your Physical Condition:

Any problems with employer if call out day or night?

Is it okay to call you day or night?

Questionnaire Continued

Describe any problems with San Mateo County Sheriff's Office:

Describe any major life events planned in the next 12 months:

Describe skills you may bring to this SAR team:

Describe skills you need to be part of this SAR team:

Anything else you'd like to add:



San Mateo County Search and Rescue Emergency Medical Information

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

1. _____ Relation _____ Phone#: _____

2. _____ Relation _____ Phone#: _____

3. _____ Relation _____ Phone#: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Allergies:

Current Medications:

Medical Conditions:

Chronic or Recent Injuries:



San Mateo County Search and Rescue Minimum Trainee Requirements for Field Deployment

Name: _____ Date: _____

Activity	Date Completed/Initials of trainer
Attended 2 General Meetings	_____ _____
Level I Interview	_____
Completed application & Loyalty Oath	_____
Emergency Services Bureau Preliminary Background Check	_____
CPR Pro/AED Certification	_____
Oxygen Certification	_____
First Aid Certification	_____
Fitness Hike	_____
Search & Rescue Pack	_____
Sheriff's Office Orientation	_____
Traffic Control	_____

Completion Verified by: _____

Date: _____



San Mateo County Search and Rescue Minimum Trainee Requirements to Complete Trainee Process

Name: _____ Date: _____

Activity	Date Completed/Initials of trainer
Map, Compass & GPS	_____
Communications	_____
Search Techniques	_____
Basic Rescue (ropes)	_____
Hypothermia/Hyperthermia	_____
Call-Out Mobilization Procedures	_____
Mantracking	_____
Overnight Training	_____
ICS 100 & 200 online training	_____
Level II Interview	_____
Background Application & Fingerprints	_____

Completion Verified by: _____

Date: _____



Trainee Check-off Sheet - definitions

Fitness Hike – The trainee must perform an 8 mile hike with 500' of elevation change in 3 hours.

Sheriff's Office Orientation – This consists of an introduction to 525 Marshall (the location of various items including extra equipment), the equipment storage cage within the parking structure as well as the fuel pumps.

Community and/or Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Cert – A certificate showing completion of a Community, BLS or Professional level CPR course. (The Sheriff prefers Red Cross certifications.) The class can be taken on the trainee's own time or when offered through the Sheriff's office.

First Aid Certification – A certificate showing completion of a First Aid Course (The Sheriff prefers Red Cross certifications.) The class can be taken on the trainee's own time or when offered through the Sheriff's office.

Map/Compass/GPS – The trainee needs to be introduced (classroom and field exercise) to the use of a map/compass & GPS.

Communications - The trainee needs to be introduced (classroom) to the radios used by the Sheriff's office and use of tactical callsigns.

Search Techniques – The trainee needs to be introduced (classroom and field exercise) to different search techniques including hasty, grid, etc...

Basic Rescue – The trainee must be introduced (classroom and field exercise) to the procedures to extricate a victim. These include the use of ropes, knots and patient packaging including the use of the stokes.

Rescue Pack – The trainee must present a pack with contents that match the provided pack list. See trainee handbook.

Traffic Control – The trainee must be introduced to safe traffic control practices. Familiarization with the laws surrounding required clothing and practice the igniting and extinguishing of road flares.

Hyperthermia / Hypothermia – A trainee must be introduced, in a classroom setting, to the symptoms and effects of Hyperthermia and Hypothermia as well as likely causes and methods of remediation.

Call-Out Mobilization Procedures - The trainee needs to be informed of the current callout procedures for SMCSAR. The trainee's need to know what is expected of them when they receive a page regardless of their intention / ability to respond to the event.

Mantracking - The trainee must be introduced in a classroom and field exercise environment on the procedures (including the use of a tracking stick) of being clue aware and man tracking.

ICS 100 & ICS 200 – see online training at www.sanmateosar.org

Level II Interview – An interview with two or more elected SMCSAR staff members needs to be performed before the trainee moves forward with the program. The trainee's fit with the unit and reasons for participating will be evaluated.

Application on file at SO – The trainee's application must be on file

Fingerprint Chart on file at SO – The trainee's fingerprints must be on file through LiveScan.



San Mateo County Search & Rescue Background

To apply for the San Mateo County Search and Rescue Team, I, _____ understand that I must have a valid California Driver's License and that I will be submitted for a preliminary background check before I can participate in trainings, events or searches. This preliminary background check includes a criminal history check.

If my application is accepted and if I complete the entire training program, I will submit paperwork for a complete Sheriff's Office background check and finger printing. This background check is completely confidential. Any concerns regarding the process can be discussed with the training coordinator or unit law liaison.

Name: _____

CA Driver's License: _____

DOB: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____